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OWNER- BUILDER STATEMENT

AUTHORIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PERMITS

Florida Statutes are quoted here in part for your information to indicate the authority for exemptions for homeowners from qualifying as contractors and to express any applicable restrictions and responsibilities.

OWNERS MUST PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THE PERMIT OFFICE TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT

FS 489.103 - Exemptions.

State law requires construction to be done by licensed contractors. You have applied for a permit under an exemption to that law. The exemption allows you, as the owner and occupant of your property, to act as a contractor, even though you do not have a license. You must provide direct supervision of all work not done by licensed contractors. You may also build or improve a commercial building at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. The building must be for your own use and occupancy, it may not be built or improved for sale or lease. If you offer for sale or lease any structure you have built or improved within one year of obtaining an owner-builder permit creates a presumption of a violation of this Statute. You may NOT hire any unlicensed person to act as a contractor and the owner may not delegate the owners responsibility to directly supervise all work to any other person unless that person is registered or certified under FS 489 and the work performed is under the scope of that person's license.

The above authority shall be restricted to those homeowners who can demonstrate to the Building Department that they have adequate knowledge and qualifications to safely perform and directly supervise the work.

Such authority does not convey the right to violate any provisions of applicable adopted codes, nor is it to be construed as exempting any such property owner from obtaining required permits and paying all fees required.

When outside help is obtained for any of the sub-trades, I agree to use a properly licensed contractor for such work.

Any person working on your building who is not licensed must work under your direct supervision and must be employed by you, which means you must deduct F.I.C/A. and withholding tax and provide workers compensation for the employee all as prescribed by law. Your construction must comply with all applicable codes, ordinances, building, and zoning regulations.

In addition to the responsibility for safe construction, the applicant assumes all liabilities normally assumed by contractors that are duly licensed and bonded. Ignorance of applicable responsibilities or liabilities shall not be adequate defense for violations.

In accordance with the above, I certify that I am the owner of the property described on the attached application and currently reside or intend to immediately reside in the dwelling upon its completion, the property is not for sale or lease, and I verify that I have been read and explained the responsibilities noted herein.

I, _____, do hereby state that I am qualified and capable of performing the requested construction involved with the permit application filed.

/s/ _____ Date _____

Signature of Applicant
Print applicant name here _____

Form of I.D. _____ <Must be photo ID>

Sworn and subscribed before me:

Signature (notary public)

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Homestead Exemption YES NO *** No answer requires supporting information ***
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